

Nomenclatural note on the genus *Nans* (Ostariophysi, Characidae)

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Nantis nom. nov.

TYPE SPECIES: *Nans indefessus* Mirande, Aguilera & Azpelicueta, 2004.

ETYMOLOGY: *Nantis* is deriving from the latin verb *nare* (to swim) (artificial noun). Gender: masculine.

Nans indefessus Mirande, Aguilera & Azpelicueta, 2004 was described as a new genus and species from the upper Río Bermejo basin, Northwestern Argentina. According to Neave (1940) the generic name *Nans* is preoccupied by an annelid (Chamberlin, 1919: 125). In order to clear this homonymy we propose *Nantis* nom. nov. as a new substitute name for the genus *Nans* Mirande, Aguilera & Azpelicueta, 2004.

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